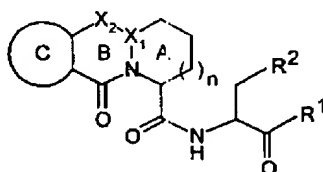


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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Previously presented) A compound of formula I:



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each methylene carbon in Ring A is optionally and independently substituted by =O, or by one or more halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, or C₁₋₄ alkoxy.

(b) R^2 is CO_2H or esters, amides or isosteres of CO_2H thereof;

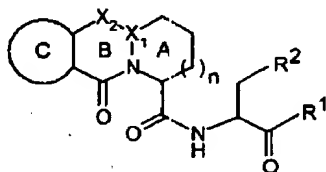
- (c) X_2-X_1 is $N=C$;
- (d) Ring C is a fused five-membered aromatic ring having zero to two heteroatoms; and
- (e) n is 0 or 1.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 2 wherein:

- (a) R^1 is $-CH_2Y$ wherein Y is a halogen, OR, SR, or $-OC=O(R)$, wherein R is an aryl group or heterocyclic group;
- (b) R^2 is CO_2H or esters, amides or isosteres of CO_2H thereof;
- (c) X_2-X_1 is $N=C$;
- (d) Ring C is a fused six-membered aromatic ring having zero to two heteroatoms; and
- (e) n is 0 or 1.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 3 wherein R^1 is $-CH_2Y$ wherein Y is F; R^2 is CO_2H or an ester or amide thereof; X_2-X_1 is $N=C$; Ring C is benzene ring; and n is 0 or 1.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 1, said compound selected from the compounds:



Example	R^1	R^2	Ring C	n	X_1	X_2
1	CH_2F	CO_2H	Benzo	0	C	N
2	CH_2F	CO_2H	Benzo	1	C	N
3	CH_2F	CO_2H	Benzo	0	C	C-H
4	CH_2F	CO_2H	Benzo	1	C	C-H
5	CH_2F	CO_2H	Benzo	1	N	C=O
6	CH_2F	CO_2H	Pyrazino	1	N	C=O

Claim 6. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in any of claims 1-5 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 7-8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A method for treating a disease or condition selected from osteoarthritis, ~~pancreatitis, adult respiratory distress syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, cell preservation, or organ preservation,~~ chronic active hepatitis, psoriasis, graft vs host disease, sepsis, septic shock, cerebral ischemia, myocardial ischemia, myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, atherosclerosis, coronary artery bypass graft, spinal muscular atrophy, neurological damage due to stroke, ulcerative colitis, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such a treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in any of claims 1-5.

Claim 10. (Canceled)

Claim 11. (Previously presented) A method of preserving cells, said method comprising the step of bathing the cells in a solution of a compound as claimed in any of claims 1-5.

Claim 12. (Previously presented) A method of preserving an organ for organ transplant or for preserving a blood product, comprising the step of bathing the organ or blood product in a solution of a compound as claimed in any of claims 1-5.

Claims 13-14. (Canceled)